Missouri State Library

Show Me Express

Show Me Express features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

FY2014 Public Library Survey Available for Entry

The FY14 Public Library Survey (PLS) is underway and is due to be completed by November 15, 2014. The survey is accessible at http://collect.btol.com. Logins and passwords are unchanged from last year and have been emailed to library directors. To aid in the completion of the PLS, training for the FY2014 Public Library Survey is available via two online videos and three 30-minute live webinars. Registration is required for the webinars and may be completed online at Library Development Upcoming Trainings. The remaining dates for the webinars are:

- August 26, 2014 at 10 a.m.
- September 24, 2014 at 2 p.m.
- October 6, 2014 at 2 p.m.

Two videos have also been created and are available for viewing at any time. The PLS Tutorial video is an overview of how to use Bibliostat Collect. The second video, Changes to the Missouri Public Library Survey, covers the differences between last year's survey and this year's survey.

Questions about the survey or feedback on the videos may be directed to Terry Blauvelt at terry.blauvelt@sos.mo.gov, (573) 526-1087 or (800) 325-0131.

Shay Younger Joins Library Development Team

The Missouri State Library is pleased to welcome Shay Younger to the Library Development team. Shay has a Master of Business Administration degree from Lincoln University with public administration as a major. She brings grant experience from the University of Missouri Office of Sponsored Programs and Delaware State University Department of Purchasing. Shay will join the

team September 3, 2014, and will be reachable at shay.younger@sos.mo.gov, (800) 325-0131 or (573) 526-6734.

LSTA Grant Applications Now Available

The Summer Library Program grant application for summer 2015 activities is available online at Summer Library Program Application. This grant assists qualifying **public and school libraries** in reaching people of all ages in innovative ways to keep them reading and learning throughout the summer months. The application deadline is **November 14, 2014**.

The Racing to Read grant application is available online at Racing to Read Application. These grants provide funds to establish, develop or improve public library early literacy services for children from birth to 6 years of age based on the knowledge and skills taught in the regional and webinar *Early Literacy Fundamentals* and *Racing to Read to Go* workshops. As part of the grant, the public library must hold a minimum of four early literacy-based programs or training events conducted off-site and two early literacy-based programs or training events conducted onsite between February 1, 2015, and August 15, 2015.

Grant application overview sessions will be held online and announced in an upcoming issue of *Show Me Express.* Questions about these grant programs may be directed to Lisa Peters at lisa.peters@sos.mo.gov or Debbie Musselman at debbie.musselman@sos.mo.gov, or by phone at (800) 325-0131.

Racing to Read to Go Webinars and Grant Opportunity

Three webinars focusing on different parts of the live workshop will be held on September 24, 25 and 30 from 2 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

The topics for the first webinar will cover the background of Racing to Read to Go and tips for connecting with agencies in the community, particularly those that work with families considered to be high risk.

The topic for the second webinar will address how to successfully incorporate partnerships into early-literacy program efforts.

The topic for the third webinar will address how to provide ideas for programming outside the library.

Registration for the webinars is required and can be completed online.

The trainers for the webinars will be Nancee Dahms-Stinson and Stephanie Smallwood from Springfield-Greene County Library. They were both instrumental in creating the Racing to Read early literacy model and the Racing to Read to Go component.

Public libraries that are certified to receive state aid and have a staff member attend the Racing to Read to Go workshop or all three webinars will be eligible for a grant to help implement or enhance early-literacy programs and services, particularly outreach services. The Racing to Read application is available online and has a call deadline of November 7, 2014. The grant period will be February 1 through August 15, 2015.

For further information about the workshops, webinars or grant opportunity, contact Lisa Peters, Youth Services Consultant, at mailto:lisa.peters@sos.mo.gov or (800) 325-0131.

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